The manner of answering questions.

President.—Questions and Answers are over. Let us proceed to the next item.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I make a request, Sir? These answer papers are intended for information. The arrangement followed now is to put all the questions (a), (b), (c), (d), etc. It gives a lot of pain to the eye to see what the answer to (a), (b), (c), etc., is. Moreover, we will not have the patience also to go through them. Therefore, I suggest and request that the Government will be pleased, when answering the question, "Will the Government be pleased to say, etc.," to give the answer just below it, to facilitate reference. After the question (a), the answer to question (a), may be given, and after (b), the answer to (b), and so on.

President.—Is it your point that the question and answer should be in parallel columns?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I mean, Sir, that after question (a), the answer to (a), may be given, and so on. The answer can be given immediately under the question.

President.—Suppose we have clause a (1), the sub-clause must be answered first. Is it that you mean?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Yes, Sir.

President.—The only alternative suggestion possible is to give the answer parallel to the question. This is the rule I have adopted in my office, i.e., to give the question on one side, and the answer on the opposite side, in parallel lines. I think this is the proper course. Moreover, this is intended for publication.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—Also for purposes of reporting.

President.—We adopt this procedure to avoid waste and inconvenience to the press while in print. Supplementary answers also will have to be put while printing the report.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—That is the method adopted in Travancore. I am only making a remark.

President.—Is it so very difficult for you to see the answer at a glance?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—How many times are we to turn, Sir, for referring to one question? I only bring the difficulty to your notice.

The Voting of Demands for Grants—*Cont.*

President.—Now, we will proceed with the voting of the Agricultural Demand, and Mr. Raman Menon may apply for the same.

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